

# City of Cincinnati



## *For Your Information Memo*

DATE: January 22, 2002

TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

FROM: Dennis Murphey, Director of Environmental Management

CC: David Rager, Acting Assistant City Manager; Malcolm Adcock, Health Commissioner; Daryl Brock, Director of Public Services; John Deatrick, Director of Transportation and Engineering; Fay Dupuis, City Solicitor; William Langevin, Director of Buildings and Inspections; Peg Moertl, Director of Community Development

**SUBJECT: ELDA LANDFILL CHRONOLOGY AND MAP OF WASTE FACILITIES**

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The Neighborhood and Public Services Committee at its meeting of January 15, 2002 requested that the Administration prepare a chronology of events related to the Waste Management, Inc. ELDA landfill site in Winton Hills. They also requested a map that shows certain active and closed waste facilities in Cincinnati.

### CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS RELATED TO ELDA LANDFILL SITE

1973 - ELDA solid waste landfill began operations

1986 - ELDA construction and demolition debris landfill began

1986 - Solid waste landfill gas system (flare) began

1988 - Solid waste landfill gas collection & sale system began

1990-1995 - Zoning related conditional use decision (plus two extensions) issued by City Director of Bldgs. & Insp. Would have allowed company to use Rack sand pit area as a landfill if approved by the Ohio EPA.

1994 - Waste Management, Inc. applied for a 106' vertical expansion/submitted "call-in" permit application to Ohio EPA

1995 - Director of Bldgs. & Insp. denied company's third request for extension of original conditional use decision

1995 -Waste Management, Inc. applied for a horizontal expansion into Rack sand pit

December 31, 1996 - Cincinnati Board of Health denied the 1997 operating license for ELDA

January 21, 1997 - Director of the Ohio EPA issued Findings & Orders to Waste Management, Inc. to abate migration of explosive gas

February 5, 1997 - Director of the Ohio EPA issued Findings & Orders to Waste Management, Inc. to disallow the expansions and to stop taking solid waste when it reaches capacity, but no later than February 5, 1998

Fourth Quarter of 1997 – Cincinnati Board of Health entered into negotiated agreement with Waste Management, Inc. to provide for corrections/improvements to the landfill gas control system; Board of Health subsequently approved the solid waste facility operating licenses for 1997 and 1998

February 5, 1998 - ELDA landfill stopped taking solid waste

1998-2001 Regulatory landfill closure activities undertaken by Waste Management, Inc.; final closure certification report issued on June 8, 2001

1997-1999 - Settlement negotiations among Communities United For Action (CUFA), Waste Management of Ohio, Inc. (WMO), and the City of Cincinnati regarding the following ELDA-related litigation:

- CUFA v. WMO
- WMO v. City of Cincinnati
- City's counterclaims against WMO
- Other litigation pertaining to Ohio EPA permits and Cincinnati Board of Health license issues

June 2, 1999 - Settlement agreements signed pertaining to above litigation (see attached copy of For Your Information report to City Council, dated June 10, 1999 for details)

May 1998 - Waste Management, Inc. applied to the Ohio EPA for a permit-to-install for the solid waste transfer station

February 4, 1999 - Cincinnati building permit issued for transfer station

November, 2000 - Construction of a "recycling facility" began (that was expected to be operated as a transfer station if a permit-to-install were approved by the Ohio EPA)

February 28, 2001 - Ohio EPA issued permit-to-install for transfer station

October 17, 2001 - Waste Management, Inc. applied to the Cincinnati Board of Health for an operating license for 2002 for the transfer station

December 11, 2001 - Certificate of Use and Occupancy issued by Department of Buildings and Inspections

## MAP OF WASTE FACILITIES

Attached is a map of Cincinnati and Hamilton County that shows:

- Waste Management, Inc.'s ELDA site, including the closed solid waste landfill, the active construction and demolition debris (C&DD) landfill, and the proposed solid waste transfer station
- Center Hill incinerator and landfill (closed City facilities)
- Gray Road Fill, an active, privately owned C&DD landfill
- CSI/Republic solid waste transfer station in Evendale (used by City of Cincinnati)
- Rumpke Sanitary Landfill, Colerain Township (used by City of Cincinnati)
- Rumpke Bond Road Landfill, Whitewater Township
- Several active C&DD landfills throughout Hamilton County

I recognize that this report contains much regulatory jargon and technical terminology. For the sake of brevity, detailed explanations were not included. However, City staff are available to explain terminology and answer questions that any Councilmember might have. Additionally, City staff are available to discuss this report at any appropriate City Council committee meeting, as requested.

APPROVED:

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Attachments







